

Test 6: Loving One Another

1 John 04: 07–21

1 Proves that we are born of God and know God

7 Dear friends,
let us love one another,
for love comes from God.
Everyone who loves
has been born of God and knows God.

2 Proves that we see God's love

8 Whoever does not love
does not know God,
because God is love.

a. God's love is seen
in one supreme act:
He sent His Son

9 This is how God showed his love among us:
He sent his one and only Son into the world
that we might live through him.

b. God's way of saving man

10 This is love:
not that we loved God,
but that he loved us
and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.

c. The conclusion:
We should, therefore,
love one another

11 Dear friends,
since God so loved us,
we also ought to love one another.

3 Proves that God's Spirit is within us

a. God is not known by sight

12 No one has ever seen God;
but if we love one another,
God lives in us
and his love is made complete in us.

b. God is known only by love
— maturing love

c. Conclusion:
Mature love proves
that God's Spirit is within us

13 We know that we live in him
and he in us,
because he has given us of his Spirit.

4 Proves that our testimony and confession are true

a. The great testimony:
God did send Christ
to be the Saviour

14 And we have seen and testify
that the Father has sent his Son
to be the Saviour of the world.

b. The great promise:
The person who acknowledges Christ
lives in God and God in him

15 If anyone acknowledges
that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him and he in God.

c. The great confession:
We do know and believe
the love of God

16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.
God is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in God,
and God in him.

5 Proves that God is going to deliver us from judgment

17 In this way,
love is made complete among us
so that we will have confidence
on the day of judgment,
because in this world we are like him.

6 Proves that God delivers us from fear

18 There is no fear in love.
But perfect love drives out fear,
because fear has to do with punishment.
The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

7 Proves that we love God

a. The basis: His love

b. The illustration:
A false profession

c. The commandment:
God commands love

19 We love because he first loved us.

20 If anyone says, "I love God,"
yet hates his brother, he is a liar.
For anyone who does not love his brother,
whom he has seen,
cannot love God, whom he has not seen.

21 And he has given us this command:
Whoever loves God must also love his brother.